

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, *et*
al.,

Debtors.¹

PROMESA

Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF CERTAIN CLAIMS FROM ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE
RESOLUTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMS RECONCILIATION**

To the Honorable United States District Judge Laura Taylor Swain:

1. On March 12, 2020, the Court entered the *Order (A) Authorizing Administrative Reconciliation Of Claims, (B) Approving Additional Form Of Notice, and (C) Granting Related Relief* [ECF No. 12274] (the “ACR Order”), authorizing the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the “Commonwealth”), the Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority (“HTA”), the Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (“ERS”), the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (“PREPA”), and the Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority

¹ The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor’s respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the “Commonwealth”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3283- LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation (“COFINA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority (“HTA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3567- LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (“ERS”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3566- LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (“PREPA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17- BK-4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority (“PBA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK- 5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

(“PBA,” and together with the Commonwealth, HTA, ERS, and PREPA, the “Debtors”) to resolve certain Pension/Retiree Claims, Tax Refund Claims, Public Employee Claims, and Grievance Claims (each as defined in the ACR Order) utilizing the Debtors’ existing administrative reconciliation processes (“Administrative Claims Reconciliation”).

2. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the ACR Order, the Debtors have filed twenty-five notices transferring claims into Administrative Claims Reconciliation (as defined in the ACR Order), and have transferred approximately 44,866 claims (collectively, the “ACR Designated Claims”), into Administrative Claims Reconciliation. The ACR Designated Claims will be resolved utilizing the Pension/Retiree Procedures, the Tax Refund Procedures, the Public Employee Procedures, and/or the Grievance Procedures (each as defined in the ACR Order), as set forth in the ACR Transfer Notices.

3. On April 1, 2020, this Court entered the *Order (A) Authorizing Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures, (B) Approving Additional Form of Notice, and (C) Granting Related Relief* [ECF No. 12576] (the “ADR Order”), authorizing the Debtors to resolve general unsecured claims using the procedures approved by the court in the ADR Order [ECF No. 12576-1] (“ADR Procedures”).

4. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the ADR Order, the Debtors have filed twenty-four notices transferring claims into the ADR Procedures (as defined in the ADR Order), and have transferred approximately 1,000 claims into the ADR Procedures.

5. In light of information received from the claimants following the transfer of claims, the Debtors have determined that certain ADR Designated Claims and ACR Designated Claims will be most efficiently resolved via omnibus objections. Accordingly, the Debtors hereby remove from the ADR Procedures the claims identified on **Exhibit A** hereto, and remove from the ACR Procedures the claims identified on **Exhibit B** hereto.

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San Juan, Puerto Rico

Respectfully submitted,

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